



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL SURAT

ENGLISH(CORE)

SET A

Roll No:

Class:XI

Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 3Hrs

Instructions:

- Please check that this question paper contains 6 printed pages.
- Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains 11 questions.
- Please write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.
- This paper is divided into three Sections:A,B, and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question,wherever necessary
- Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A: READING [20 MARKS]

1. Read the given passage carefully and then answer the questions based on it: [12]

1. One of the areas of human aggressiveness is the urge for war. It means an attempt on the part of one group to show violence against another group. Wherefrom does this urge for war spring and what are its psychological causes? To understand the answer to these questions, it is imperative that we understand human nature. Man is born with certain instincts which manifest themselves at their proper age. Whenever there is an obstruction in the satisfaction of these urges, tension is the result. For instance, if a child has a craving to eat something but is stopped from doing so this will set up tension in him. This tension manifests itself in many forms. The child may get angry and start beating others or he may repress his tension. If this tension is repressed in the mind, it may lead to feelings of hatred and aggressiveness, which result in the gradual breaking down of the personality of the individual. Tension in the mind of an ignorant person leads him to wage war on others, but an intelligent person may redirect this tension into desirable channels and thus may save himself from the urge of war. The arousal of the urge for war is a sign of aggression and shows that the personality and character of the person have not yet been fully integrated. In life, it is not possible to fulfill one's all needs. Therefore, an intelligent person soon realizes that when tension arises because of the non-fulfilment of certain desires, it should be redirected into right channels. But an unintelligent person, not understanding the working of the mind, resorts to waging war on others.
2. The urge for war in man arises from two types of causes – internal, that is, the person's instincts and external, that is, the absence of opportunities for the satisfaction of those instincts. The same is true of

a group. If the urges of the individuals comprising a group are repressed, the group as a whole feels tensed and is provoked to wage war. For example, if the population of a country increases enormously and the commodities there are not adequate, there is a possibility that such a country may wage war on another country. Sometimes it so happens that the leaders of a nation keep their countrymen so oppressed that their urges do not get any chance to be expressed. This results in a great aggression in the minds of the people of that country. The sly leaders of the country then raise a bogie of false danger from outside merely to divert the attention of their followers towards this projected danger from another country. Thus, this aggressive group makes another nation the target of its aggression. Such leaders are generally very selfish, fanatics, megalomaniacs and dictatorial. Leaving aside the good of their own kith and kin, they do not mind even if the whole of the world is devastated. They exploit others for their own advantage.

3. Sometimes, some selfish leaders, in order to grind some personal axe of their own ego, to grab more power or to conquer more colonies or to derive some financial benefit, spread some very wrong notions and beliefs among their countrymen. These inculcate in them an attitude of hatred towards the inhabitants of some other country. The personality of such a leader indicates that it has not developed on right lines and so lacks integration. In a fully integrated person, all the basic urges get sublimated and such a person considers the whole of humanity like his own kith and kin. Such leaders, with integrated personalities, not only raise their own country but also do good to the whole human race.
4. Now the question arises as to how such altruistic leaders come into being in their world. This very much depends upon the training that a person receives during childhood. A good training transforms the crude and basic urges of man into higher and nobler sentiments, and thus lays the foundation of a sound character. So, in order to check in man this, urge to wage war, it is imperative that there should be a sound system of education in the whole world. The leaders of all the countries should be men of integrity and character so that they may consider the good of the whole human race as their moral duty. Instead of provoking their countrymen to war, they should rather be instrumental in releasing tensions of their followers as and when necessary. This means that they should introduce such ways and means in their countries through which each of their countrymen may get a chance to express himself.

On the basis of your understanding of this passage answer the following questions with the help of given options: **[1x4=4]**

- (a) The repression of tension in the mind may lead to:
 - (i) feelings of hatred and aggressiveness
 - (ii) a calm and soothing personality
 - (iii) feelings of sharing and caring
 - (iv) all of the above
- (b) The arousal of the urge for war shows:
 - (i) that the person is a pacifist
 - (ii) that the personality and character of the person have not been fully integrated
 - (iii) has had all his urges fulfilled
 - (iv) none of the above
- (c) The external factor resulting in an urge for war in man can be defined as:
 - (i) the urge to fight and cause destruction
 - (ii) mental imbalance
 - (iii) the satisfaction of all his desires
 - (iv) the absence of opportunities for the satisfaction of the person's instincts
- (d) A sound system of education means:
 - (i) making intelligent persons realize the futility of fulfilment of certain desires
 - (ii) the transformation of man's basic urges into higher and nobler feelings.

- (iii) to make great leaders who are not selfish, fanatics or dictatorial.
- (iv) all of the above

Answer the following questions briefly:

[6]

- (e) Define the term 'urge for war'.
- (f) When does tension result in the mind of a human being?
- (g) What does an intelligent man do when he feels tensed?
- (h) Why do people become aggressive and wage a war against another country? Give two reasons.
- (i) Define a 'leader with integrated personalities.'
- (j) What are the character traits of selfish leaders?
- (k) Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following: **[1x2=2]**
 - i. people having a strong wish for power or control (para 2)
 - ii. essential (para 4)

2. Read the given passage carefully:

[8]

Human body is made up of mainly bones, muscles and fat. Some 639 different muscles account for about 45% of body weight. The muscles need a regular supply of blood to maintain their efficient functioning. Exercising 1 to 2 hours after heavy meals helps remove fats from the blood stream before they have time to get deposited on the walls of arteries and encourage the flow of blood through capillaries, the smallest blood vessels that carry blood to the muscles, and this in turn increases the quantity of enzymes in the muscles that are responsible for converting fats into good cholesterol.

Your present fitness state should be measured against the scale of your desire to indulge in more and more activity all the time. You should be bursting with energy all the time from within, always willing to work more.

Your exercise schedule should leave you feeling nice and invigorating and not fatigued. Any exercise done correctly and with right amount of caution can be a sheer exhilarating experience. Before you select and commence your exercise, you should consider 3 important aspects, namely, your present physical state; your exercise kit; and the place where you are going to do your exercise.

When you start your exercise, listen very carefully to what your body has to say. If any activity hurts you, it means you are not doing it right, or your body is not yet ready to accept that level and intensity of activity. Slow down to a level where your body has no complaints. Muscles are very sensitive to temperatures and perform better and more effectively when warm. Therefore, before commencing your workout, it is a good idea to spend a few minutes to limber up with light joint movements, stretching exercises and a bit of spot jogging.

While exercising, it is desirable to have minimal clothing which allows freedom of movement. Light coloured T-shirts and shorts are the best, because light colours help the body lose heat more efficiently. Ill-fitting footwear can cause the greatest discomfort and may even cause avoidable injuries. Cotton socks are more comfortable and hygienic.

The place where you exercise is also very important. The general principle is to exercise on soft, flat, level surface. Further precautions will depend on the type of exercise performed. Any violation of these general principles could result in avoidable injuries.

The yardsticks against which you can measure your fitness are stamina, suppleness and strength. If you tend to get out of breath quickly, then you lack stamina. The simplest way to improve your stamina is long brisk walks.

If you feel weak and have aching legs after climbing a couple of flights of stairs, then obviously you need to improve your leg strength and tone up and strengthen your calves and thighs. Cycling or jogging could help you achieve this.

Most people tend to visualize exercise as being 200 sit ups per day and becoming a muscular heavy-weight in the bargain. To keep fit, and to keep obesity, stress, high blood pressure, cholesterol, etc., at bay, all you need is to become aware of your body and what you are doing to it.

Finally, remember a simple home truth that a million hospitals cannot create a healthy “you,” nor can any public health measures, or legal reforms or Acts of Parliament. The only one who can perform this health miracle to turn you into a bubbling person with good health oozing all over is “You”.

- a) **On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary.** [5]
- b) **Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. Supply a suitable title.** [3]

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS [30 MARKS]

3. You have recently started a centre for personality development for school children. Draft an advertisement to be published in a local daily about it giving all relevant details. (50 words) [4]

OR

You have received an invitation to attend the prize giving ceremony on the occasion of the Regional Social Sciences Exhibition. Write a letter to the Secretary of ‘The World View’ informing him about your inability to attend giving reasons for the same. (50 words)

4. You are Lalit/Laxmi of Jai Narain Public School, Jhansi. You are selected to represent your state at the National Athletics Meet. Write a letter to your Principal requesting him/her to grant you permission to attend the school one hour late for a fortnight as you have to attend the Athletics coaching. (120-150 words) [6]

OR

You are Lalit/Laxmi living in House Number 7322, Sector 14, Chandigarh. You have seen an advertisement in the newspaper for the post of a Software Engineer in National Software Company. Write an application with complete bio-data to the Manager of the company. (120-150 words)

5. You are Anita/Rajan. As a special correspondent of a local daily, you are sent to cover the inauguration of a Trade Fair where international agencies have put up their stalls for the exhibition and sale of their products. Write a report in about 150-200 words for publication in the newspaper. [10]

OR

Rajan Sharma is to write an article for the newspaper on ‘The Aim and Purpose of Education’. Write the article for him, in not more than 150-200 words.

6. You are Anita/Prem. You have been asked by your teacher to write a speech on the topic ‘Role of Parents in Children’s Education’. Write the speech in not more than 200 words. [10]

OR

You are Anita/Prem participating in an inter-school debate. You have to speak on the topic ‘Opening Borders with our Neighbouring Countries is a Step in the Right Direction’. Write a debate for or against in 150-200 words.

SECTION C: LITERATURE [30 MARKS]

7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

[1x3=3]

And forever, by day and night, I give back life to my own origin,
And make pure and beautify it:
(For song, issuing from its birth-place, after fulfilment, wandering
Reck'd or unwreck'd, duly with love returns.)

- a) How does 'I' give life to its origin?
- b) From where does the song originate?
- c) Why are the last two lines in brackets?

OR

Some twenty—thirty—years later
She'd laugh at the snapshot. "See Betty
And Dolly," she'd say, "and look how they
Dressed us for the beach." The sea holiday
Was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry
With the laboured ease of loss.

- a) How would the poet's mother react at the photograph after a long period?
- b) Which two things have become 'past'?
- c) Explain 'Both wry with the laboured ease of loss'.

8. Answer any three of the following in 30-40 words each:

[3x3=9]

- a) Why did the narrator not wait for Mrs. Dorling on her second visit?
- b) 'I would have him prodigal.' What does the father in Elizabeth Jennings' poem mean by this?
- c) "If I couldn't make some repairs, we would surely sink", says the narrator. What did he do to prevent the ship from sinking?
- d) 'There is an inbuilt resistance to dealing with loss and bereavement for writers.' Explain the statement with reference to the chapter 'The Ghat of the Only World'.

9. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:

[6]

- (i) The narrator mentions a 'crazy streak' running in his family. Which two characters show this streak in their behaviour and words? Write briefly about them showing how they can be called crazy.

OR

- (ii) Discuss 'The Tale of Melon City' as a humorous as well as an ironical poem with the help of examples from the same.

10. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:

[6]

- (i) The author says that a new world vision has ushered in the Era of Responsibility. What is the Era of Responsibility?

OR

- (ii) 'Gradually, the author and the grandmother saw less of each other and their friendship was broken.' Was the distance in the relationship deliberate or due to the demand of the situation? Elaborate with reference to the chapter 'The Portrait of a Lady.'

11. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:

[6]

(i) Draw a parallel between the prevailing system of education and the one during Einstein's times. How far is the present system of education successful in drawing out the potential of an individual?

OR

(ii) 'A mother and wife plays a pivotal role in a family.' Justify the statement keeping in mind the play 'Mother's Day'.

******END OF EXAMINATION******

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